

tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through February 12, 2008. **Page H793**

**Calendar Wednesday:** Agreed to dispense with the Calendar Wednesday business of Wednesday, February 13th. **Page H795**

**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow, and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 12th for morning hour debate. **Page H795**

**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate today and messages received from the Senate by the Clerk and subsequently presented to the House today appear on pages H625, H783, H795.

**Senate Referral:** S. 2457 was referred to the Committee on Natural Resources. **Page H810**

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Seven yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H638–39, H639, H640, H641, H778, H778–79, H779, H781–82, H782–83, H783, H793. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

## ***Committee Meetings***

### **VETERINARY MEDICAL SERVICE ACT**

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing to review the National Veterinary Medical Service Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Kingston; Gale Buchanan, Under Secretary, Research, Education and Economics, USDA; and a public witness.

### **DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Defense met in executive session to hold a hearing on DOD Force Health Protection. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Ward Cascells, M.D., Under Secretary, Health Affairs; and Ellen Embrey, Under Secretary, Force Health Protection.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session on the Surgeon Generals of the Services. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: VADM Adam M. Robinson, Jr., M.D., USN.; LTG James G. Roudebush, M.D., USAF; and LTG Eric B. Schoomaker, M.D., USA.

### **INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a

hearing on Department of Interior, Overview. Testimony was heard from Dirk Kempthorne, Secretary of the Interior.

### **CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a hearing on Capitol Visitor Center. Testimony was heard from Stephen Ayers, Acting Architect of the Capitol; Terri Rouse, CEO for Visitor Services, and Bernie Ungar, Project Executive, both with the Capitol Visitor Center; and Terry Dorn, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Quality of Life. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Kenneth O. Preston, SGM, USA.; Joe R. Campa, Jr., Master Chief Petty Officer, USN.; Carlton W. Kent, MSgt., USMC, and Rodney J. McKinley, CMSgt., USAF.

### **TRANSPORTATION, HUD, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a hearing on Department of Transportation Fiscal Year Budget Request. Testimony was heard from Mary Peters, Secretary of Transportation.

### **BENEFICIARY ADVOCACY OVERVIEW**

*Committee on Armed Services:* Subcommittee on Military Personnel held a hearing on beneficiary advocacy overview. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

### **PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2009 BUDGET**

*Committee on the Budget:* Held a hearing on the President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget. Testimony was heard from Jim Nussle, Director, OMB.

### **DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY'S FY BUDGET PROPOSAL**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Held a hearing entitled "Department of Energy's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Proposal." Testimony was heard from Samuel W. Bodman, Secretary of Energy.

### **HOLOCAUST INSURANCE ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2007**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Held a hearing entitled "The Holocaust Insurance Accountability Act of 2007 (H.R. 1746): Holocaust Era Insurance Restitution After ICHEIC, the International Commission on

Holocaust Era Insurance Claims.” Testimony was heard from Ambassador J. Christian Kennedy, Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues, Department of State; Michael Kurtz, Assistant Archivist, Records Services, National Archives and Records Administration; Stuart Eisenstat, former Special Representative of the President and Secretary of State on Holocaust-Era Issues; and public witnesses.

#### **FINANCIAL SECTOR WORKPLACE DIVERSITY**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled “Diversity in the Financial Services Sector.” Testimony was heard from Orice M. Williams, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment, GAO; Ronald Edwards, Director, Program Research and Surveys Division, Office of Research, Information and Planning, Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; and public witnesses.

#### **MERIDA INITIATIVE—U.S. OBLIGATIONS**

*Committee on Foreign Affairs:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on U.S. Obligations under the Merida Initiative. Testimony was heard from Thomas A. Shannon, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs, Department of State; Scott Burns, Deputy Director, Office of National Drug Control Policy; Marisa R. Lino, Assistant Secretary, Office of Policy/International Affairs, Department of Homeland Security; and the following officials of the Department of Justice: William J. Hoover, Assistant Director, Office of Field Operations, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; Anthony P. Placido, Assistant Administrator, and Chief of Intelligence, DEA; and Kenneth W. Kaiser, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION/ CONTRACTING**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science and Technology, hearing entitled “Other Transaction Authority: Flexibility at the Expense of Accountability?” Testimony was heard from the following official of the Department of Homeland Security: Thomas Essig, Chief Procurement Officer; and Keith B. Ward, Chief Research and Development Branch, Chemical and Biological Division, Science and Technology; the following officials of the CRS, Library of Congress: Elaine Halchin, Analyst, American National Government; and John D. Moteff, Specialist, Science and Technology Policy; and John Needham, Acting Director, Acquisition and Sourcing Management, GAO.

#### **OVERSIGHT—JUSTICE DEPARTMENT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held an oversight hearing on the Department of Justice. Testimony was heard from Michael Mukasey, Attorney General, Department of Justice.

#### **FOREIGN SCHOLAR/STUDENT VISAS**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Research and Science Education held a hearing on Visas for Foreign Scholars and Students. Testimony was heard from Tony Edson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Visa Services, Bureau of Consular Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

#### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Science and Technology:* Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation approved for full Committee action, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 3916, To provide for the next generation of border and maritime security technologies; H.R. 4847, United States Fire Administration Reauthorization Act of 2007; and H.R. 5161, Green Transportation Infrastructure Research and Technology Transfer Act.

#### **SBA’S BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2009**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing entitled “The Small Business Administration’s Budget for Fiscal Year 2009.” Testimony was heard from Steven C. Preston, Administrator, SBA.

#### **FAA’S FISCAL YEAR BUDGET**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Aviation held a hearing on the President’s Fiscal Year 2009 Federal Aviation Administration Budget. Testimony was heard from Ramesh K. Punwani, Assistant Administrator, Financial Services, Chief Financial Officer, FAA, Department of Transportation; and Gerald Dillingham, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, GAO.

#### **AGENCY’S BUDGET AND PRIORITIES FISCAL YEAR 2009**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on Agency Budgets and Priorities for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the EPA: Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water; Susan Parker Bodine, Assistant Administrator, Solid Waste and Emergency Response; and the following officials of the Department of the Army: John Paul Woodley, Jr., Assistant Secretary, Civil Works; and LTG Robert Van Antwerp, USA, Chief of Engineers, Corps of Engineers.

## VETERANS AFFAIRS BUDGET REQUEST FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs Budget Request for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from James B. Peake, M.D., Secretary of Veterans Affairs; and representatives of veterans organizations.

## PRESIDENT'S BUDGET PROPOSALS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Held a hearing on President Bush's Budget Proposals for Fiscal Year 2009. Testimony was heard from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury.

## WORLDWIDE THREATS

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on Worldwide Threats. Testimony was heard from J. Michael McConnell, Director, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Michael V. Hayden, Director, CIA; LTG Michael Maples, Director, Defense Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense; Robert Mueller, Director, FBI, Department of Justice; Charlie Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, Department of Homeland Security; and Randall M. Fort, Assistant Secretary, Intelligence and Research, Department of State.

## Joint Meetings

### COMBATING ANTI-SEMITISM (PART II)

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:* Commission concluded hearings to examine anti-Semitism in the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) region, after receiving testimony from Gregg Rickman, Special Envoy to Monitor and Combat Anti-Semitism, Department of State; Felice D. Gaer, Commissioner, United States Commission on International Religious Freedom; Andrew Baker, American Jewish Committee, Mark Levin, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, and Stacy Burdett, Anti-Defamation League, all of Washington, D.C.; and Marvin Hier, Simon Wiesenthal Center, Los Angeles, California.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2008

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

### Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

### House

*Committee on Financial Services,* hearing entitled "Negative Implications of the President's Signing Statement on

the Sudan Accountability and Divestment Act," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Foreign Affairs,* Subcommittee on International Organizations, Human Rights, and Oversight, hearing on the November 26 Declaration of Principles: Implications for UN Resolutions on Iraq and for Congressional Oversight, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

*Committee on House Administration,* Election Task Force, GAO briefing on the findings in the Investigation into the FL-13 Congressional District Contested Election, 10 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

*Committee on the Judiciary,* Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties, oversight hearing on Voter Suppression, 9:30 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

*Committee on Oversight and Government Reform,* Subcommittee on Government Management, Organization, and Procurement, hearing on Military Base Realignment: Contracting Opportunities for Impacted Communities," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing on Government Accountability Office's Review of the Federal Protective Service: Preliminary Findings," 9 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

### House Committees

*Committee on Appropriations,* February 12. Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on Wildland Fire Management Oversight, 10 a.m., B-308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on USDA Secretary Edward Schaefer, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Defense, on DOD Budget Overview with Secretary Robert Gates, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn and, on United States Marine Corps Readiness, 2 p.m., 140-Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, on Management Challenges—Inspector General and GAO, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Forest Service, 10 a.m., B 308 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education, and Related Agencies, overview hearing on Implications of Economic Trends for Workers, Families, and the Nation, 10 a.m., 2358-C Rayburn.

February 13, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, on Architect of the Capitol, 10 a.m., H-144 Capitol.

February 13, Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, on U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Fiscal Year 2009 Budget Request, 9:30 a.m., 2358-A Rayburn.

February 14, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, on NRCS Under Secretary Mark Rey, 2 p.m., 2362-A Rayburn.